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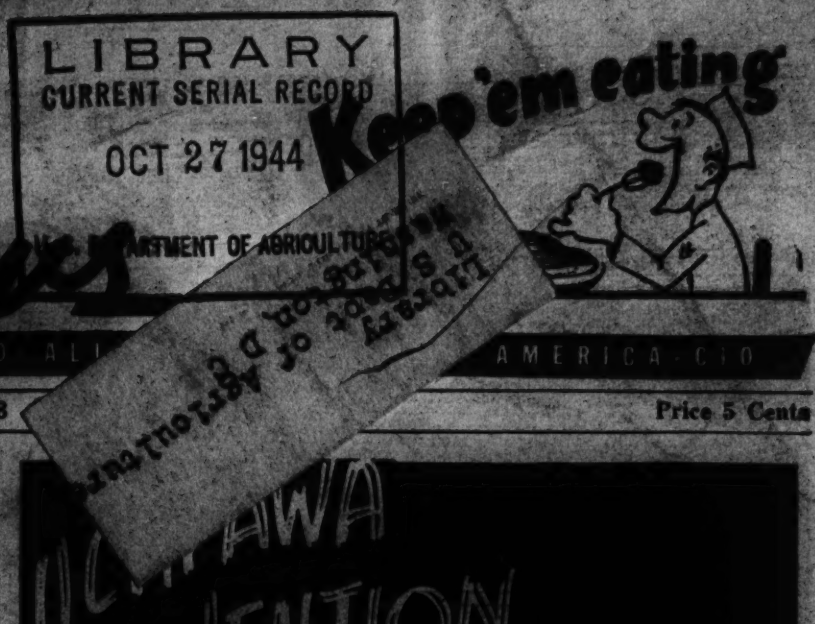

Henderson Argues For Breaking of Steel Formula

Washington, D. C.—Speaking at a session of the public hearings on the steel wage case before the National War Labor Board on Oct. 2, Pres. Donald Henderson told the Board that the Little Steel formula must be broken in order to correct substandard wages.

Henderson stressed the need to maintain purchasing power during the period of reconversion from war to peacetime production. Wages must be increased now, he urged, before the end of the war.

Appearing at the same session before the WLB were Robert M. Gaylord, Pres. of the National Association of Manufacturers, who argued against the breaking of the wage formula; and Eric A. Johnston, Pres. of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, who said that workers should get wage increases after the war, but not now.

Representatives of labor at the hearing included Lewis Merrill, Pres. of the United Office and Professional Workers (CIO), and General Counsel A. Philip Kane of the National Federation of Telephone Workers. Both argued that wage scales in many industries are not high enough to maintain health and efficiency.

Henderson characterized the wage structure of the industries organized by UCAPAWA as "chaotic." He pointed out that the average hourly earnings in the canning, preserving, tobacco, cottonseed oil and flour milling industries have not increased in the same proportion as earnings for industry as a whole.

"While absolute wages have increased somewhat in these industries," Henderson observed, "they have not kept pace, and their relative position has become more depressed."

In January, 1941, the Board was told, hourly earnings in the canning and preserving industry were 18c below the general average for manufactu ing. By July, 1944, they were 28c below. In tobacco the margin widened from 19c to 31c below the average; in cottonseed oil from 35c to 47c below.

UNSTABLE CONDITION

Comparison with the highest paid industries, Henderson said, show an even more unstable condition. "These are the fruits of the Board's failure to come to grips with the issue of substandards of living," he declared.

"At the end of the European war stabilization is equalled and overtaken by the problem of providing adequate purchasing power to compensate for reduction in hours. The Board must finally approach the question of elimination of substandards in terms of the best interests of the economy as a whole."

The WLB has been strongly urged by CIO Pres. Philip Murray to hand down its decision on this case, which will affect the wages of all of labor.

CIO Issues Call For 7th Convention

Washington, D. C. (FP) — CIO President Philip Murray issued the formal call for the 7th Annual Convention of the CIO to be held in the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, beginning Nov. 20. The CIO Executive Board will meet Nov. 16 in its pre-convention session.

Pres. Murray's call touched on the approach of military victory over Germany and said that "those who are sacrificing the most in the industrial and farm workers, must not slacken their efforts while hostilities cease, but must keep the rewards of their efforts—security, freedom from want, and justice."

The official call included a plea for cooperation between all men of good will and said that only through the unity of labor, farmers, business and professional men, and among consumers, "can we hope to achieve the real victory — a world order based on law and human rights."

BACK PAY WON AT NATIONAL STARCH

Indianapolis, Ind.—International Vice-Pres. Robert Clark compliments Local 92 Pres. Owen Young and the Shop Stewards of the National Starch plant here, upon the splendid job done in negotiating their new contract. The Stewards are proudly holding their back pay checks which averaged from $175.00 to $300.000 for the majority of the members. Left to right: Stewards Erwin Karweik and Grover Robinson; Robert Clark; Owen Young; and Stewards Edward Singleton and Mack McConnell. Back Row: Stewards Jesse Ross and John Weasner (holding the new contract). Absent from group are Fin. Secy. Lucille Keenaugh, who was ill when the picture was taken; Chief Steward Walter Rassdell, who was on vacation; and Stewards Sampson Kind and John Mayn. *(See story on page 6, col. 5.)*

Press DeBerry Case, Sandefur Tells Union

Winston-Salem, N. C.—Labeling the charges made against William DeBerry, Negro International Representative of UCAPAWA, as "both ridiculous and unbelievable," E. L. Sandefur, CIO Regional Director [illegible] defense of the victimized leader.

DeBerry, who was charged with "assaulting" a white woman, Louise Johnson, notorious company-union stooge, was sentenced on July 14 to 60 days of hard labor on the road.

"Although not present in the Federal Court room on the day Representative DeBerry was alleged to have committed an assault, I am utterly convinced the whole affair was a frame-up," Sandefur wrote to the members of UCAPAWA Local 22 here.

"The circumstances were such as to convince any thinking person that the charge was both ridiculous and unbelievable," the letter continued, "and there also is evidence of malicious intent on the part of interests opposed to the Tobacco Workers Organizing Committee, the UCAPAWA Union designated officially as the sole collective bargaining agency for all R. J. Reynolds employees in the Winston-Salem plants.

FRAMED EVIDENCE

"Without in any way wishing to criticize the courts, I feel that Representative DeBerry was convicted on framed evidence.

"I hope that you will press your defense of Representative DeBerry, realizing that the attempt to embarrass this representative was not directed at him alone, but to all your members and your Union."

HEARING SCHEDULED

The defense case has been appealed to the Supreme Court, and hearings are scheduled for early December. The Union's DeBerry Defense Committee urges letters and resolutions to be sent to Governor Joseph M. Broughton, Raleigh, N. C., urging him to use his executive powers to rectify this miscarriage of justice. Contributions to defray the expenses of the court appeals should be sent to the Committee, Room 415, 1505 Race St., Phila. 2, Pa.

Hearings On 65c Minimum Postponed

Washington, D. C. — Public hearings on legislation to raise pay minimums from 40c to 65c an hour have been postponed until after the election, the Senate Committee on Education and Labor announced Oct. 10, giving voters a chance to make the issue a test for campaigning Congressmen.

The hearings, which were scheduled for Oct. 11 and 12, were subjected to a vicious smear attack by Republican Sen. Wherry of Nebraska who called the 65c Minimum Wage Resolution a "political move." The Resolution had been introduced by Sen. Claude Pepper (D., Fla.) in August.

As reported in the last issue of the News, Pres. Donald Henderson was scheduled to appear before the Senate Committee to testify on behalf of UCAPAWA, and additional testimony was to have been presented by members of UCAPAWA Locals in Winston-Salem, N. C.; Suffolk, Va.; Memphis, Tenn.; Vicksburg, Miss.; and Philadelphia, Pa.

CIO Pres. Philip Murray and AFL Pres. William Green were also prepared to appear at the hearings. Both the National Association of Manufacturers and the Chamber of Commerce, prior to the postponement, declined to appear before the Subcommittee saying they "were too busy at this time to appear."

Make Your Choice—On November 7!

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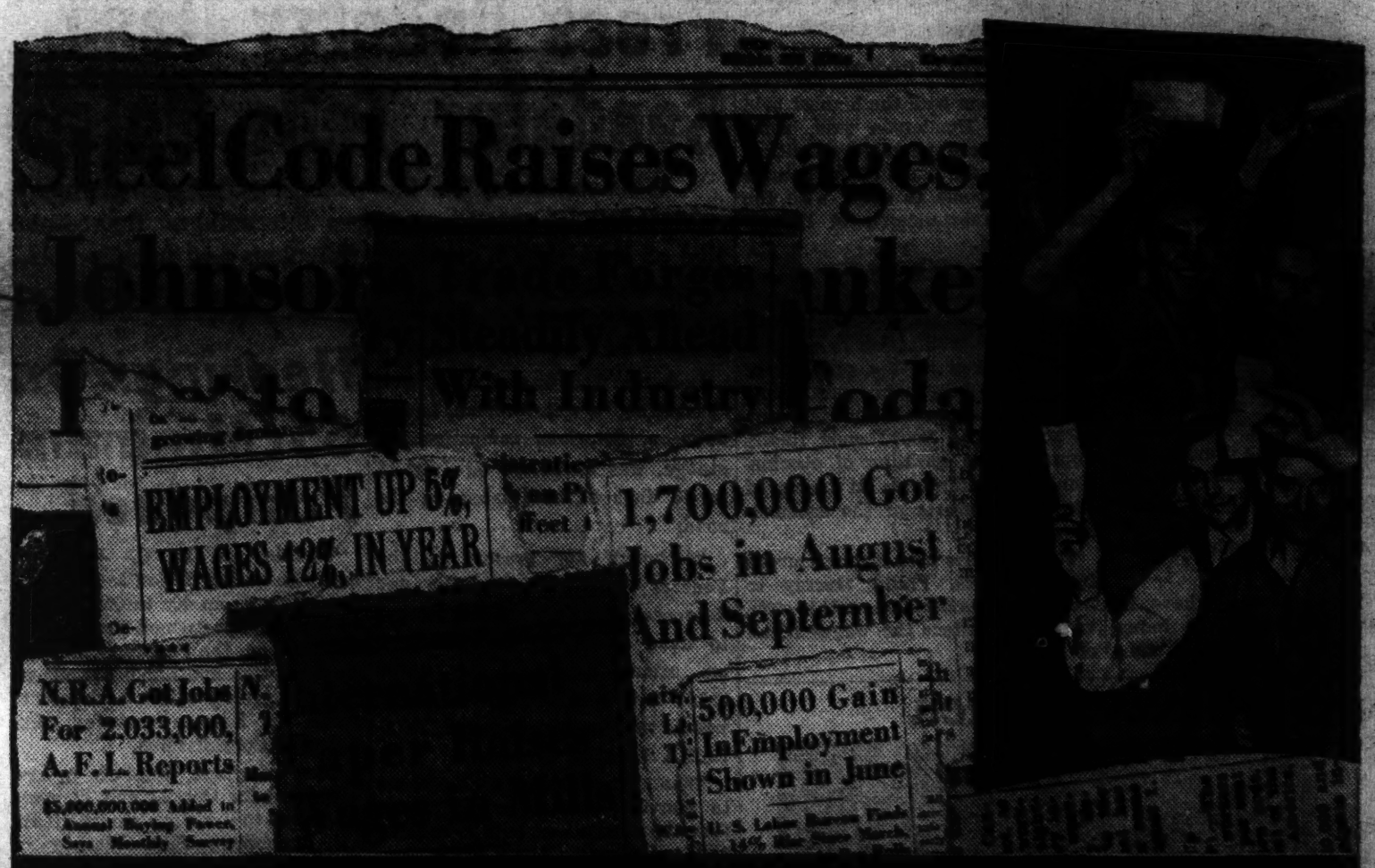
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Local 180 Wins Refuge Election

Vicksburg, Miss. — UCAPAWA scored 18 to 9 in an NLRB election held at the Refuge Oil Co. here on Sept. 21. Local 180 organized this plant, where 50 workers are now eligible to join the Union.

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Bertie Selden, Editor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of September, 1944. Joseph Schwartz. (My commission expires March 30, 1945.)

We Can Win Our Fight For Social Security

By Senator Robert F. Wagner

A BROADENED and expanded social security program is a vital necessity. All labor organizations and liberal groups are supporting the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill which liberalizes the benefits under the present Social Security Act and broadens the law to include health insurance, hospitalization and disability benefits.

In order to assure the passage of a broadened social security program and other social legislation it is imperative that liberal Congressmen and Senators be elected to Congress who will support such legislation. Only by the reelection of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Congressmen pledged to support his liberal policies can we make certain we will march ahead and make social progress.

Every important piece of social legislation is subject to destructive criticism and misrepresentation from groups who care more for their selfish, vested interests than for the public welfare. I am neither surprised nor dismayed by the kind of opposition which has developed to the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill. I heard the same kind of criticism—the same cries of dictatorship and un-Americanism and ruin to business—back thirty years ago when I was fighting for workmen's compensation legislation in New York State. I heard them again when the Social Security Act—which now even conservative groups accept—was under consideration, and again when I was fighting for Federal unemployment relief, slum clearance and public housing, and the right of labor to organize and bargain collectively.

. . . The greatest fraud in all these attacks is the attempt to persuade people that they are going to be $8 billion, $15 billion or $20 billion poorer because of social security. What these critics fail to say is that social insurance contributions are used to pay social insurance benefits . . .

When they talk about costs, the critics of our bill also find it convenient to forget the alternative costs if we do not have social security. Workers today are spending on the average about 3 or 4 percent of their incomes—and low-paid workers are spending on the average 5 or 6 percent—for far less adequate medical care than they would get under our bill. Workers and their families carry a heavy, though not so easily measurable, financial burden in wage loss due to sickness and unemployment. The annual wage loss in this country from disability alone has been estimated at more than $1 billion . . .

Social insurance does not involve any new costs. It is a better, a more self-respecting and a more efficient, way of taking care of costs which cannot in any case be avoided. In the long run social insurance will mean a saving of money. Through the improved health and vigor of our population, it can make possible increased production as well as increased happiness. By maintaining a flow of purchasing power to persons who are temporarily or permanently unable to earn, it will help distribute the goods and services we are so abundantly able to produce, and thus help to stabilize our whole economic system.

By assuring to every family a basic income and all needed medical care, by removing the fear of insecurity, it will contribute to making us a nation of independent men and women. By providing one of the pillars of economic freedom, it will help to preserve and increase our political freedom. The people of the United States have shown in many ways that they know these things to be true. I am convinced that no matter to what misrepresentations the opponents of our bill stoop, they will not be able to deceive nor to thwart for long the desires of the American people for adequate social security.

("GOIN' SOMEWHERE?"

5c to 16c Increases Won at Cudahy Refinery

By Evelyn Hellinger, International Representative

Memphis, Tenn.—Wage increases ranging from 5c to 16c per hour for the employees of the Cudahy Refinery are among the many gains reported recently by Local 19. Since the raise is retroactive to 60 weeks ago, the Cudahy workers will enjoy extra-large back-pay checks.

Speaking for the last time to the members of Local 19 at a recent membership meeting, before he left for his new job with Local 15, former Business Agent Reuel Stanfield went over the growth of Local 19 in the past year and said with pride that he was leaving it in good financial and moral condition.

Joseph Hellinger, the new Business Agent, was introduced by Pres. Mack Dyson. Brother Hellinger, who has worked with several CIO Unions in the past six years, stressed the importance of unity and cooperation so that the Local could continue to grow and be more valuable to its members.

WORKING TOGETHER

"The Union is not made up of one man or a small group of men," he said, "but is made up of every man and woman in the Union. Only by working together as friends and Union Brothers can we be strong."

Hellinger reported the further progress of the Union to date:

A new contract was negotiated with DeSoto Oil Company. The Union gained one-week vacations for employees who work 240 days in a year, and two weeks vacation for employees who work 240 days a year for two consecutive years. The Union and the Company agreed to an automatic upgrading of 5c per hour for new employees after 30 days. This is subject to the approval of the NWLB.

FILE FORM 10's

The Union and Management at the Buckeye-Jackson and Buckeye-Hollywood plants also agreed to file a Form 10 with the WLB requesting an upgrading of 5c per hour for all workers after 60 days of employment.

Wages at the Gulf Atlantic Warehouse, Riverside Plant, were re-opened when the Company agreed with the Union to file a Form 10, which will raise wages for different classifications up to the highest paid in this area for similar work.

A new contract at the Perkins Oil Refinery provides six holidays at time-and-a-half, if worked, and three of the holidays at straight-time pay, if not worked. One week vacation for one year's work and two weeks' vacation for two or more years' work, if at least 240 days are worked each year, were also guaranteed in the contract. The Company agreed to pay the same rates as those in the Union's new contract with DeSoto. The DeSoto rates are the highest paid for this type of work. Members of the Negotiating Committee at the Perkins Refinery are Alf Jones, Horace Balfour, and John T. Hubbard.

TRI-STATE COMPRESS

The Tri-State Compress Company has agreed on a Form 10 with the Union to the WLB for a 5c an hour upgrading of all workers who have worked more than 30 days and for new employees after 30 days. Band shovers, open press and head sewers are to receive 7½c an hour increase. Tiers and head tiers are to get a 10c an hour increase. Members of the Negotiating Committee are Clarence Winfield, Willie Richmond, Lucius Farmer, and George Swinger.

Local 19 has been cooperating fully in the DeBerry Defense Case, not only in the collection of contributions, but in the sending of letters to the Mayor of Winston-Salem and the Governor of North Carolina.

RAISE WAR FUND

Initiating a drive to raise funds, the War and Welfare Fund Committee has asked all the plants under contract to Local 19 to cooperate by donating to the Fund a sum equal to the total donated by their employees. The Committee has asked the Buckeye Cotton Oil Company to contribute a sum of $3,500. Local 19's Chairman of the Buckeye Hollywood Plant, Avery Savage, has been in conference with the management and pledged the Union's support of the joint drive.

The Executive Board of Local 19 agreed to recommend that all the members sign a donation card authorizing a deduction of one day's pay for the Fund.

Ag. Workers Give $$ For Roosevelt

By Evelyn Hellinger, Int. Rep.

Turrell, Ark. — It's not an easy job for the agricultural workers who are members of Local 63 to get together often. The members have no meeting hall, and all gatherings are held in the home of one of the members, Alberta Johnson. Yet, in one week after she had attended a special UCAPAWA leadership-training school, Sister Johnson collected $19 for PAC from among the handful of low-paid cotton pickers in the township.

In order to collect the contributions, she went from one member's house to another's, passing out PAC leaflets, talking, and reading aloud to the members who couldn't do so themselves.

The workers here are excited about political action and are eagerly awaiting the elections. Many of them have already paid their poll tax.

Living in an isolated community, this small group of agricultural workers is showing the kind of enthusiasm and action that should encourage Local Unions who have the advantage of larger communities and wider support.

Fish Canning and Seafood News

Win More Gains At Van Camp's

By Robert Galvan, Reporter

San Diego, Cal.—"Now we make a good living and have good working conditions," workers at the Van Camp Seafood Co., said about the $56,000 back pay they received a couple of months ago.

Again they have Local 64 to thank for still better working conditions, negotiated in a contract not yet concluded but well under way. This time it's 12 large tables where the workers may eat comfortably. The tables, nicely finished and polished and equipped with benches seating 200, have already been delivered by the company.

OTHER BENEFITS

They are also considering installing hot lunch facilities for coffee and food. The Company has agreed to put water coolers throughout the plant. Two hours time off with pay is being allowed when it is necessary to go to the doctor. Wage increases, included in the back-pay award, were negotiated some time ago.

Still being considered is the Union demand for the check-off and vacation pay. Members of the Negotiating Committee are Joe Salazar, Pres.; Robert Galvan, Secy.; and Andrea Sanchez, Edna Hamlin, Syd Jackson, and Ella Hasley of the Shop Committee.

What To Eat For Breakfast

Washington, D. C. — A cup of coffee in the morning—delicious and stimulating as it may be—is not enough for working men and women, the War Food Administration warned recently. It recommended a good breakfast as the first source of energy for the day's work.

WFA reported that a recent survey showed that only one out of every five men and women eats a nourishing breakfast before starting work.

The best breakfast, according to nutrition authorities, is: citrus fruit, tomato juice or other fruit; cereal; whole grain or enriched bread; ham, bacon or sausage; and eggs to add to the breakfast's staying power.

Local Mourns Soldier's Death

San Diego, Cal.—Louise Rose, chain lady in the cleaning department of the Van Camp Seafood Co., grieves over the death of her son, Jimmy Paulos, 26, reported by the War Department killed in action in France.

Jimmy was born in Greece and came to San Diego 12 years ago where he was graduated from the San Diego High School. He enlisted in July 1940 and was sent overseas in August 1943, serving in England until the Normandy invasion.

Mrs. Rose's grief is intensified by the fact that she has already lost all her other relatives in Greece as victims of fascist terror.

Other survivors are four sisters, Mrs. Helen Gotses, Mrs. George Stavros, Jennie and Georgia Rose, and two brothers, Thomas and Christy Rose, all of San Diego.

Sympathy is being extended to Mrs. Rose and her family by her fellow unionists, members of Local 64, reports Robert Galvan, Local Secretary.

They Score High In PAC Activity

Memphis, Tenn.—Topping the list of Local 19's PAC collectors, Lee Lashley, Chairman of the Quaker Oats plant and member of the Local's Political Action Committee, has turned in, in one week, $22.00 worth of contributions, according to Int. Rep. Evelyn Hellinger.

Henderson Davis, active member of the Local, has been a new man since his return from the UCAPAWA School in Winston-Salem. Brother Davis presented a fine report to the Local's Executive Board meeting, and brought back with him the political action film, "Hell-Bent for Election." A special showing of the film was held for the members of Local 19 as part of the political action campaign.

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They Learned to Build the Union At UCAPAWA's Southern School

By Eleanore Hoagland, Educational Director, Local 22

Winston-Salem, N. C.—Everyone who came to the UCAPAWA Southern School, which was held here Sept. 17-23, felt that he gained lots of new ideas to use in helping to improve the Locals. This was the second special leadership-training school run by UCAPAWA (the first was held in the Midwest during last Summer) and the enthusiasm of the students was high.

The students came from Local Unions in Florida, Arkansas, Tennessee, Virginia, South Carolina and North Carolina. Winston-Salem Local 22 was fortunate in being able to have not only 13 full-time students, but some of the night workers' leaders were able to come in for the afternoon sessions and some day workers attended the evening sessions.

Social Security Laws

On Monday night we had Mr. Hurley of the Social Security Board in Washington, D. C., who discussed the present social security legislation. It was excellent background, for it showed so clearly where our present set-up is inadequate.

Later, when we discussed the Wagner-Murray-Dingle Bill with UCAPAWA's Legislative Representative, Elisabeth Sasuly, everyone knew what was needed to improve the existing social security laws. We also discussed how bills were passed in Congress; the War Labor Board; State Legislation; FEPC; and the Pepper Resolution for a 65c minimum wage.

President Donald Henderson and Secy.-Treas. Harold Lane were on hand in the evenings to lead discussions on political action, the people's program for full employment, and the functioning of a Local Union.

Movie Night

Tuesday evening was a special occasion, for the School met with Local 22's Shop Steward Council and saw two movies, "The Negro Soldier" and "Hell-Bent for Election." After the movies Pres. Henderson talked on our PAC work and its importance.

We had a large exhibit of materials from the Department of Labor, the CIO and PAC, and we tried to use a Bulletin Board to show what could be done in Union halls. Enough copies of the most recent and useful pamphlets were on hand, so that every student took a copy home to use in his Local.

We wish that Brothers Henderson and Lane and Sister Sasuly could have been with us longer, since their help at the School was invaluable. Brownie Lee Jones, Director of the Southern School for Workers, did a swell job at the School, and she was largely responsible for its success.

Winston-Salem, N. C.—A class in Union techniques at the Southern School held here last month, learns about the mimeograph machine and how to get out good-looking leaflets from CIO Regional Director E. L. Sandefur. Left to right: William Fisher, Local 4, Apopka, Fla.; Henderson Davis, Local 19, Memphis, Tenn.; Etta Hobson, Local 22, Winston-Salem, N. C.; E. L. Sandefur; a member of Local 45, Richmond, Va.; Viola Barnes, Local 26 Suffolk, Va.; and Lucille Simmons, Local 15, Charleston, S. C.

Local 22 Talks About Higher Output And Better Pay on Radio Broadcast

Winston-Salem, N. C.—The radio control man signalled, and Local 2 was on the air! On a local Winston-Salem radio hook-up, the Local held a round-table discussion on the new incentive plan initiated by the Company and the Union at the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

Those who took part in the program were Business Agent Theodosia Simpson, chairman of the discussion; Frank Green, Chairman of Local 22; Mrs. Myrtle Lewis, John Miller, and W. C. Sheppard, workers at the plant.

Recently the Army requested the Tobacco Industry to step up the production of cigarettes for the soldiers at home and overseas. The company and the Union sat down to map out a program to meet this increased quota of 150 million more cigarettes a week. They agreed that there should also be an increase in pay equal to the percentage increase in production. And so, both parties filed a joint Form 10 with the WLB. This 3.45% increase in pay that was requested is called a war bonus.

THEODOSIA SIMPSON

The radio round table discussion was held on the merits of the proposed plan of the Company and the Union, and it sounded something like this:

Miller—I'm interested in helping to put out more cigarettes so that the soldiers can get them. As I see it there are two things involved here—one is the increased production to meet the Army request. The other is to protect our working conditions.

Lewis—I believe that we need to maintain and even improve conditions wherever possible so that when the servicemen return they will find things in good shape.

Sheppard—I have a son and two brothers in the armed forces, and I'm more than interested in seeing them get what they need . . . Labor has been able, through its experience, to point ways to better production methods.

Lewis—What has been accomplished in this war is certainly a miracle of production . . . We have shown that we can produce the goods that are needed. We need now to work to maintain standards and conditions so that there will continue to be a market for the goods we produce and have full employment. That is why we say that for an increase in production there should also be a corresponding increase in pay.

Sheppard—I've been wondering if we couldn't help increase production by doing something to correct absenteeism.

Green—Unions elsewhere have worked on this problem and in most places have solved it . . . There are a number of reasons for absenteeism and we should be able to help eliminate a lot of it.

Miller—I'm told by returned veterans that a cigarette means more to them than about anything else.

Simpson—We are proud of labor's part in the war effort. We are proud of the record of our armed forces! We want to help increase production of cigarettes and also protect our workers. We want to see to it that this increase doesn't bring with it a lowered wage scale, and depreciation of conditions.

Green—The Union is anxious to work together with the Company on this problem to the satisfaction of all concerned.

You can do it, too! If your Local is anxious to spread its program far and wide, how about going on the air? It's easy to buy radio time from any local station. For more information on the subject, write to PAC, 205 East 42nd St., New York City, for their Radio Handbook.

Tobacco News

Local 15 Calls NLRB To Fight Anti-Union Co.

Charleston, S.C.—Charges have been placed before the NLRB against the American Tobacco Co. by Local 15 for the firing of Union members, intimidation, and refusing to hire Union members, according to Local 15 Reporter, Rebecca Stanfield.

The Local has requested the U. S. Conciliation Service to intercede on behalf of the Union because of the Company's refusal to arbitrate grievances in accordance with the contract. Some of these grievances have been hanging fire since February.

Because the Union has enforced the maintenance of membership clause against several members who are employed by the Company, two Company stooges have enlisted the aid of Judge Fromberg of this city. The judge has threatened the Union with bad publicity if it does not revoke the maintenance of membership against these two people and have them reinstated in their jobs. He has called upon the U. S. Conciliation Service to arbitrate the case.

"I suggest lots of fresh air and exercise and a contribution to PAC!"

Hail Union's Gains At American Tobacco

By Rebecca Stanfield, Reporter

Charleston, S.C.—Here in Charleston, within the stronghold of Southern reactionaries, a mass meeting of American Tobacco Co. workers was held on Oct. 5, at the Wallingford Presbyterian Church, under the auspices of Local 15. All the speakers stressed unity among the workers, whatever their color or creed, in achieving the goal of a strong Union.

Speakers included Dan Reid, Vice-Pres. of Local 15; E. E. Williams, patrolman of the National Maritime Union; Mr. Pike of the National War and Community Chest Fund; and Reuel Stanfield, Business Agent and Pres. of Local 15. The chairman of the meeting was Joseph McKenzie, Vice-Pres. of Local 15.

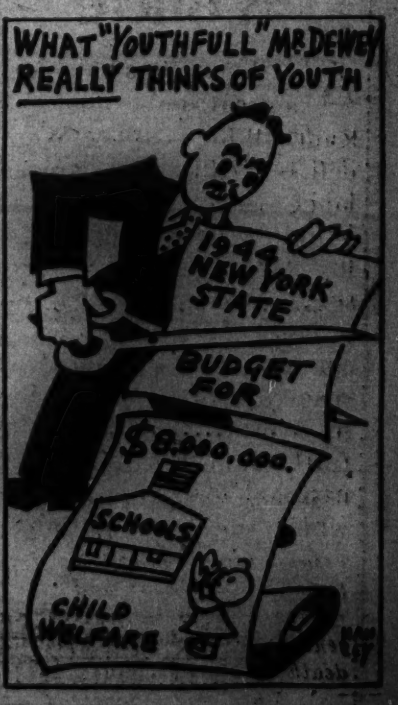
UNITY OF RACES

Spontaneous applause of approval broke out when Brother Reid emphasized the importance of closer alliance between the white and colored workers at American Tobacco. He showed how the Company was using the race issue to drive a wedge between the workers, hoping by such means to weaken collective bargaining by the Union. Brother Reid, because of his courageous stand, has been made the brunt of a vicious whispering campaign which has only served to strengthen Brother Reid's efforts on behalf of the Union.

Brother Williams commended Local 15 on the tremendous strides taken by the Local since its inception on Sept. 15, and gave a brief history of the original organizing drive by the NMU at American Tobacco.

A rousing cheer was given the Shop Stewards who brought in applications from 58 new members. Organizing of the unorganized in this shop gains each day. A total of 239 new members were signed up between Sept. 15 and Oct. 5. Lucille Simmons and Mary Smoak, both Shop Stewards, have done especially fine work in signing up new members.

Rev. S. H. Scott, who gave the opening and closing prayers at the meeting, was impressed by the stand of the CIO on racial discrimination. Before his closing prayer he turned to the representatives and said, "Please don't think me foolish; but, tell me, are you people really of this world? In all my years as a minister I have never heard such outspoken frankness, nor such understanding of a serious question. It has been a privilege to be present here tonight."



Notes from LOCALS

Pledge Their $ $ $

7-2 Seattle, Wash. — Political Action has met with a big response from Local 7-2. In the absence of International Vice-Pres. Conrad Espe at the recent membership meeting, Pres. James Moellendorf spoke on the work of the Committee and the need for $1.00 contributions.

Local 7-2, knowing that our dollars when multiplied by the dollars from the rest of the "little people" and backed by votes in the November election, can elect President Roosevelt and a progressive Congress, pledged not only to protect the gains of the past 12 years, but also to carry out the people's program after victory is won. Voluntary contributions are pouring in.

The Local has taken action in support of Senator Pepper's 65c minimum wage bill. Letters also went out to the Mayor of Winston-Salem and the Governor of North Carolina urging that justice be assured in the courts in the case of Brother William DeBerry.

By Florence Palmer, Reporter

Local Officers

13 Chicago, Ill.—The following are the officers of Local 13: John Maurisak, Jr., Pres.; Ted Biedrzycki, Vice-Pres.; Casimira Rutowski, Rec. Sec.; and Mary Yuhasz, Fin. Secy.-Treas.

Old-Fashioned Picnic

55 Middletown, Ohio—Five hundred members of Local 55 and their families enjoyed a real old-fashioned homecoming outing at the boathouse the last week in September. President Riley predicted that a picnic would be a rest to our nerves after having worked long hours all summer.

It was—the older folks talked of the coming elections, the young folks danced. A free lunch of fried chicken, fried fish, hot dogs, beer and soft drinks was served. Everyone agreed that it was a fine time.

Urging everyone to register and vote, Pres. Oscar Riley said that since our future depends on the right men in office, every one of us has a responsibility to elect them.

Brother Lee Carter, who had been absent for some time because of illness, spoke and urged every member to stand firmly behind our Committee.

By Jennie Stiver, Reporter

Xmas For the Boys

73 St. Marys, Ohio—A donation for the purchase of an Iron Lung was presented to St. Rita's Hospital in Lima by Local 73.

Christmas boxes for Union members in the service are being prepared by the Local. Those for the boys overseas were already sent out, and the packages for the boys still in the States will be sent at Christmas time.

By Lillian Hall, Reporter

PAC In South

75 Houston, Texas — We are off to a big start, working and organizing fighters to support PAC. Rev. Robert Evans of Forest Lawn Baptist Church is doing a good job in building a large committee that is working for PAC. They meet once a week, and at each meeting the attendance grows. The Smith Chapel Choral Club is doing a wonderful job singing at these meetings.

Local 75 just held a rally at which Albert Richardson, Pres.; Rondo Williams, Sec.; J. C. Rich, and J. W. White spoke. PAC contributions were collected.

By Albert Richardson, Reporter

"This and That"

120 Akron, Ohio — Something new has been added to Local 120. It's a Local bulletin called "This and That." The bulletin, edited by Recording Secretary E. A. Baltzer, deals very thoroughly with the grievances settled by the Union. News of the Union members, reports of Union activities are also carried. Good luck on your new venture, Brother Baltzer.

PAC Formed

178 Traverse City, Mich.—At a recent meeting of Local 178, a Political Action Committee was set up to handle the problem of getting all the members registered to vote in the coming national election. International Representative Armstrong and Pres. George DeGroat explained the program of the CIO Political Action Committee, and dollar contributions for PAC were collected. A fine attendance helped to make the meeting a very successful one.

By George DeGroat, Pres.

New Officers

300 Harvey, La.—New officers of Local 309 are: Jessie Gros, Pres.; Ulrich Poirier, Secy.-Treas.; Thomas Angelico, Geo. G. Williams, and Wilfred Scimoneaux, Executive Board members-at-large.

Elect Officers

448 LaCrosse, Wis. — Newly elected officers for Local 448 are: Floyd Likens, Pres.; John Buschma.., Vice-Pres.; George Jacobus, Sec.; John R. Schnell, Sec.-Treas.; Clarence Gamradt, Rudolph Weiss, and Leonard Wolff, Trustees; Clarence Birkel, Guide; George H. Jacobus, News Reporter.

Brother Jacobus, Secretary of the LaCrosse County Industrial Union Council, was chairman of the Council's Labor Day celebration. The affair turned out well and was helped along with ideal weather.

President Floyd Likens is ill, and all the members wish him a speedy recovery.

By George H. Jacobus, Reporter

Union Pays Tribute To Willkie

ALL Americans have lost a great spokesman and leader in the death of Wendell L. Willkie. Organized labor pays its tribute to Willkie's deep understanding of the economic and social problems facing our nation. We have lost a courageous statesman who rose above his party ties to voice the principles of full democracy and international cooperation for which we are fighting.—

This message, signed by Pres. Donald Henderson and Secy.-Treas. Harold J. Lane, was sent to Mrs. Willkie upon the death of her husband.

POLITICAL ACTION SPURTS IN INDIANA

South Bend, Ind.—Taken during an off-moment in the Indiana State Industrial Union Council Convention, this picture shows (reading l. to r.): Kenneth Hirschy, Field Representative; Powers Hapgood, Indiana CIO Regional Director; and Robert Clark, International Vice-Pres., discussing the political importance of UCAPAWA locals in the outstate reactionary districts of Indiana. In many of these districts, UCAPAWA locals are the only CIO locals in the country.

Indiana Council Maps Plans For Organizing

Indianapolis, Ind.—Representatives of Locals 39, 44, 62, 124, 32, 84 and 48 attended the Indiana Area Council meeting recently to analyze the progress of the locals to date and map out plans for the organization of unorganized labor in the area.

Int. Vice-Pres. Robert Clark, Chairman of the meeting, and Brother Walter Frisbie, Secy.-Treas. of the Indiana Industrial Union Council and Indiana PAC, spoke on the importance of the coming elections and the need for political action to assure victory for a progressive administration.

Stressing the need for financial support for PAC, Brother Clark urged every Local to collect $1 contributions from the members and set up Political Action Committees.

Bringing to the attention of the Council a letter from the UCAPAWA Research Department on the 65c hour wage minimum bill, Brother Clark told how this bill would benefit UCAPAWA members all over the country. Each local was instructed to fill out and send in the forms requested by the Research Department in order to help show the need for such a bill.

Potential membership in Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Elwood, Evansville and Ft. Wayne was discussed by the delegates.

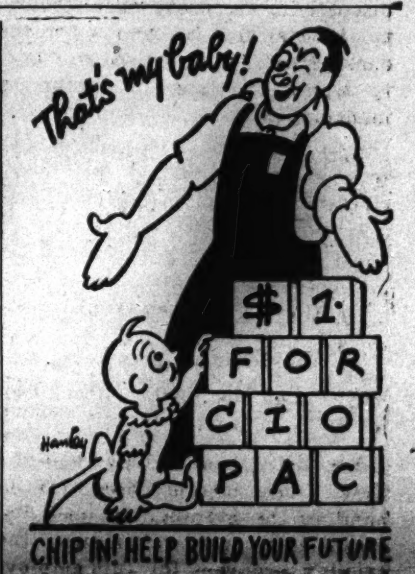
Calling upon all locals to financially support the DeBerry defense fund, Brother Clark read a letter from Pres. Henderson telling the story of the Company-Union's frameup of Brother DeBerry, saying that the case may finally be decided by the U. S. Supreme Court and that funds were needed to fight the case.

The work of the Area Council was discussed and it was reported that all Locals with the exception of 93 and 38 are contributing the 10c per capita. It was unanimously voted that Brother Clark remain chairman of the Council, Brother Hirschy be secretary, and Brother Carman the treasurer.

Brother Carman will be bonded and financial reports will be made every 60 days. Council meetings will be held at least every 60 days, and reports of the Council activities will be sent to each Local.

Each local not having a News Reporter was urged to appoint one immediately.

Representatives of the Indiana Locals who attended the Council meeting were Esther Hamilton, Local 39; Kenneth Hirschy, Local 44; Harry Carman and James Holcomb, Local 62; C. F. Meyerholtz, Local 124; Ruth Deckard, Ruth Huntzinger and Mr. Huntzinger, Mildred Roller, and Floe Banks, Local 32; Richard Pleasant, Benj. Barnett, Walter Hill and Ann Cook, Local 84; Fred and Mrs. Birely, Local 48 and Int. Vice-Pres. Clark.



This Is Why We Need A 65c Minimum Wage

HERE is a copy of the budget form sent out by the UCAPAWA Research Department to gather testimony on the need for the 65c minimum bill. You can fill it out for your own information, and if you wish, send it into the News so that we can turn it over to the Research Dept. for their records.

Income

1. Wages (after deductions) .....
   Deductions: a—unemployment and social security taxes .....
   b—victory tax .....
   c—payroll bond deduction .....
2. Supplementary income, if any, (from rent, other jobs, allotments, farm income, etc.) .....
3. Amount earned by other family members (include only those living with you) .....
4. Loans .....
5. Total yearly income .....

Expenditures

6. Housing (rent; or payments for fuel, taxes, fire insurance, interest, mortgages, upkeep and repairs for your own home)
7. Household operation (include utilities, home furnishings). .....
8. Food (include restaurants) .....
9. Clothing (for entire family) .....
10. Family contributions (to support family members not living with you) .....
11. Medical care (doctor, dentist, hospital, medical supplies, glasses, etc.) .....
12. Recreation (movies, theaters, concerts, reading matter, vacations, etc.) .....
13. Insurance (life, accident, etc.) Do not include government social security .....
14. Transportation (Street car, train, etc., include private auto expense of gas, oil, insurance, taxes) .....
15. Taxes (income taxes not already deducted from pay) .....
16. War Bonds (including amount reported in 1-c above) .....
17. Miscellaneous Total.....
18. Total expenditures (sum of items 6 through 17) .....
19. Balance (subtract item 18 from item 5) .....
20. If item 19 is negative, do you make up the difference by borrowing...., taking from savings....., or other.....

Name: ..... Local No.....
Address: .....
Plant where employed: .....

FDR Criticizes Faults Of Reconversion Bill

Washington, D. C. (FP)—After pointing out the many shortcomings and faults of the George Reconversion Bill as adopted by Congress just before its recess, Pres. Roosevelt signed it into law Oct. 3 and expressed hope that Congress will correct the faults promptly upon reconvening.

At the same time the President signed the Surplus Property Disposal Bill and commented that its elaborate restrictions "will in many instances delay rather than expedite reconversion and reemployment."

Pres. Rosevelt made clear, however, that he signed the bills to get some sort of program into actual operation and that he expected Congress to give careful consideration to needed changes later.

FORGETS HUMAN SIDE

In the case of the George reconversion measure, Pres. Roosevelt said that "the bill does not adequately deal with the human side of reconversion. When I signed the GI Bill on June 22nd last, I expressed the hope that the 'Congress will also take prompt action, when it reconvenes, on the necessary legislation which is now pending to facilitate the development of unified programs for the demobilization of civilian war workers, for their reemployment in peacetime pursuits, and for provision, in cooperation with the States, of appropriate unemployment benefits during the transition from war to peace.' The bill is not adequate to obtain these ends . . .

BE FAIR TO WORKERS

"We have rightly committed ourselves to a fair and generous treatment of our GI men and women. We have rightly committed ourselves to a prompt and generous policy of contract settlement to aid industry to return to peacetime work. We have rightly committed ourselves to support farm prices at a fair level during the period of reconversion. We should be no less fair in our treatment of our war workers."

Big Back Pay Won At National Starch

By John Weasner, Reporter

Indianapolis, Ind.—The big pay-off came to Local 92 when the National Starch Co., Peil Bros. Division, came through with a back-pay award. Retroactive to Nov. 1, 1943, the award was made as the result of a WLB decision approving the contract negotiated between the Company and Union last November.

Back-pay checks, averaging from $175 to $300 for most members, were considered a good reason for a celebration. And so, Local 92 gave a party at the Slovenian National Home. It was attended by over 200 people. One of the happiest faces there was Brother John Edwards who got the largest check —$314 (after deductions).

RAISES AND VACATIONS

The award covered provisions in the contract for an 8c per hour pay increase for all employees, a 2½c per hour premium for the 3 to 11 o'clock shift, and 5c per hour premium for the 11 to 7 shift.

Also included in the WLB decision was 48 hours vacation pay for employees with one year's service, and 96 hours vacation pay for employees with 5 years' service.

After buying their share of War Bonds, the members used the rest of their checks to lay in their winter's supply of fuel and to catch up on some of their other expenses.

Local 92 apreciates the assistance of International Vice-Pres. Robert Clark in helping to negotiate the last contract, and is confident that, with his help, an even better contract will be negotiated this year.

Where To Get Your Movies For Meetings

"Hell-Bent for Election," the new color cartoon musical film sponsored by the UAW-CIO is something every local will be wanting to show at its membership meetings these days with election time right around the corner.

UCAPAWA Locals have received from the Publicity Dept. a list of the film distribution centers from which the film can be gotten. These centers will supply screen, film, projector and operator about $25.00 per showing. Refer to the list for the center nearest you, or write to the home office: Brandon Films Inc., 1600 Broadway, New York City.

Locals in the Chicago area can receive the same service by contacting Betty Camros at the Abrahasn Lincoln School, 30 W. Washington St., Chicago 2. Rates are low, and many other films are available here.

You might also consider getting in touch with your local PAC office. At any rate, get the film and show it to your membership. It's something they won't want to miss.

"CAN I SWAP HIM FOR ONE THAT CROWS AT MIDNIGHT? I'M ON THE GRAVEYARD SHIFT."

Southern Biscuit Ready For NLRB Election

By Max Sussman, International Representative

Richmond, Va. — Four weeks since UCAPAWA first started organizing the Southern Biscuit Co., an NLRB hearing has been set to determine the date for an NLRB election as well as to determine the bargaining unit. Of the 310 employees in the plant, 200 have already joined the Union.

These developments have occurred in spite of the fact that in 1938 an AFL union at the plant fell through, and in 1941 the AFL had the employees out on strike for six weeks. Consequently, at first, any union was viewed with suspicion. The Company's attempts to mislead the employees about the Union didn't help matters either.

There is swell leadership among the people in the plant and even those old timers that had such bad luck with their former union have joined UCAPAWA. The attacks have also subsided.

A temporary committee has been set up in the plant and as soon as UCAPAWA is certified they are going ahead to show what a GOOD Union can do to improve the wages and working conditions of its members.

Increases Won By Local 45 In Tobacco Plants

Richmond, Va.—A 3c and 4c per hour wage increase retroactive to July 1 was won by Local 45 for the workers of the Export Leaf Tobacco Co., according to Business Agent Max Sussman.

An increase of 6c per hour is in the offing for the workers of Larus Bros. Tobacco Stemmery if the Form 10 submitted jointly by the Company and the Union is approved by the Regional WLB.

Singing the praises of the UCAPAWA School recently held in Winston-Salem, Local 45 Vice-Pres. Rosa White, and Secy.-Treas. Evetta Hamp returned feeling that that they could now continue their Union activities with a greater understanding and efficiency gained from attending the school.

"It's later than you think, but NOT too late to contribute to PAC."

Our War Labor Board Cases

The table below summarizes the current War Labor Board cases of which the International Office has a record, as of October 6. If your case is not on this list, the reason is that your local has not reported it to the International Office. Any errors in this table should be reported promptly to the Research Department.

Dispute Cases

Pending in Washington

Name	Local	Date Certified
Buckeye Cotton Oil Co., Memphis, Tenn.	19	Nov. 6, 1943
Greenville Cotton Oil Co., Greenville, Miss.	283	June 24, 1943
Leland Cotton Oil Co., Leland, Miss.	189	Oct. 4, 1943
Quaker Oats Co., St. Joseph, Mo.	125	Nov. 5, 1943
Quaker Oats Co., Cedar Rapids, Iowa	110	Dec. 10, 1943

Pending in Regional Offices

Alaska Salmon Industry, Seattle, Wash.	7	Apr. 19, 1944
American Tobacco Co., Philadelphia, Pa.	186	Aug. 30, 1944
California San. Packing Co., Los Angeles, Calif.	3	July 14, 1944
Campbell Soup Co., Camden, N. J.	80	Apr. 20, 1944
Campbell Soup Co., Chicago, Ill.	194	Apr. 20, 1944
D. Canale & Co., Memphis, Tenn.	19	July 11, 1944
Caradine Karsche Co., Memphis, Tenn.	19	Aug. 17, 1944
Central Sugar Co., Decatur, Ind.	44	May 29, 1944
Consolidated Cigar Corp., Lancaster, Pa.	636	July 8, 1944
Dannen Mills, Inc., St. Joseph, Mo.	125	Aug. 30, 1944
Eppinger & Russell Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	4A	June 30, 1944
Eshelman Feed Co., York Pa.	101	June 1, 1944
Forest Home Cemetery, Milwaukee, Wisc.	191	July 25, 1944
Granada Packing Co, Lindsay, Cal.	78	July 19, 1944
Grower-Shippers, Phoenix, Ariz.	78	Apr. 10, 1944
Grower-Shippers, Salinas, Cal.	78	April 5, 1944
Gulf Atlantic Warehouse Co., Houston, Tex.	75	Aug. 30, 1944
Huron Milling Co., Harbor Beach, Mich.	20	Nov. 13, 1943
D. Emil Klein, Inc., New York, N. Y., New Brunswick, N. J.	273, 105	Aug. 5, 1944
Land O'Lakes Creameries, Ripon, Wisc.	119	Aug. 17, 1944
Leland Oil Works, Leland, Miss.	189	Sept. 11, 1944
Malone and Hyde, Memphis, Tenn.	19	June 20, 1944
Minneapolis C. of C. (Grain Exch.), Minneapolis, Minn.	492	Aug. 16, 1944
Pierce Williams Co., Jonesboro, Ark.	89	Aug. 28, 1944
Porterville Citrus Assn., Porterville, Cal.	78	July 19, 1944
R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Winston-Salem, N. C.	TWOC	Apr. 26, 1944
Richgrove Jasmine Citrus Assn., Richgrove and Terra Bella, Cal.	78	July 19, 1944
Sunflower Packing Corp., Porterville, Cal.	78	July 19, 1944

Pending in Regional Offices *(Continued)*

Name	Local	Date Certified
Swift Oil Mills, Little Rock, Ark.	98	Sept. 15, 1944
Terminal Warehouse Co., Houston, Texas	75	Aug. 30, 1944
F. B. Vahlsing, Inc., Weslaco, Texas	35	Mar. 25, 1944

Voluntary Wage Cases

Pending in Washington

Name	Local
Bergoust Wilson, Seattle, Wash.	7-2
Gulf Atlanta Compress, Memphis, Tenn.	19
Happy Mills, Memphis, Tenn.	19
National Fruit Canning, Seattle, Wash.	7-2

Pending in Regional Offices

Alfiere Cigar, New York, N. Y.	647
Alta Mora Cigar, New York, N. Y.	647
Brumder Estates, Inc., Milwaukee, Wisc.	107
California San. Packing Co., Los Angeles, Calif.	3
Central Soya & McMillen Feed Mills, Decatur, Ind.	44
Cherry Growers, Inc., Traverse City, Mich.	178
Continental Can Co., Fullerton, Calif.	2
De Nobili, Long Island City, N. Y.	647
Elberta Packing Co., Elberta, Mich.	65
Federal Compress & Whse. Co., Memphis, Tenn.	19
S. Frieder, Phila., Pa.	156
Grower-Shippers (Melon) of Imperial Valley and Yuma, Ariz.	78
Helena Compress Co., Helena, Ark.	222
Humphrey Mills, Memphis, Tenn.	19
Huston & Baetz, Fullerton, Calif.	2
Libby, McNeill & Libby, Morrison, Ill.	52
P. Lorillard Co., Middletown, Ohio	55
Lummis & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.	156
Lupo Cigar, New York, N. Y.	647
Merced Tomato Growers Ass'n, Merced, Cal.	78
Oakview Cemetery, Detroit, Mich.	58
Palumbo Cigar, New York, N. Y.	647
Psaki Bros., Philadelphia, Pa.	156
Swift's Refinery, Harvey, La.	309
M. Trelles Cigar, New Orleans, La.	91
United Casket Co., Detroit, Mich.	58
U. S. Glue and Gelatine Co., Carrollville, Wisc.	156
West Side Melon Shippers, California	78

Women Can Swing '44 Election

New York, N. Y.—Appealing directly to the 18,000,000 women in war industries, Verda White Barnes, Director of the Women's Division, CIO Political Action Committee, stated this week that "the estimated 11 million women throughout the country who normally do not vote must wake up to the fact that it is within their power to swing the election this year."

Reminding that the Republican platform gives little consideration to the issue of full employment—one of the 1944 election's crucial issues — Mrs. Barnes said that women members of the nation's huge labor force want to remain in industry and their chance "for peacetime jobs" is best guaranteed by the election of President Roosevelt. "War widows and wives of disabled veterans know that jobs for all is the keynote of the President's reconversion plans."

WOMEN'S RESPONSIBILITY

The PAC's women's head stressed that 60 per cent of the votes cast would come from women and "women must be made to understand that the responsibility of the election is in their hands." She placed the responsibility of America's future squarely on women, stating "if we fail to achieve a secure peace, if we go backward on the road of social progress after that peace is won, it will be because the women of this country failed to study the issues and use the first instrument of political action within their power — the vote."

Mrs. Barnes stated that the answers to many of the questions confronting women could be found at the ballot boxes. She said:

ASKING QUESTIONS

"The question of full employment is more important to women than ever before. Many of the 18,000,000 women in industry are single and dependent entirely on what they earn. Women are asking if they will get liveable houses at rents they can afford, child care facilities within their reach, nursery schools for their children if they have to go out and work, adequate price control after the war to protect their hard-earned savings, medical care keyed to their income, and adequate pensions for war widows.

"Women are asking these questions, but they will have to get out and fight to get the right answers to them. And the first step in that fight will be waged at the polls. The registration and voting figures this year will be an indication of the extent to which American women intend to exercise their political rights. This is their year to achieve stature as a constructive force for peace and social progress."

Sister Anderson Gets Out the Vote

Philadelphia, Pa.—Connie Anderson, UACAPAWA's Research Director, has been given a leave of absence by the Union in order to work full-time until the November election as Director of the PAC Women's Division of Eastern Pennsylvania.

"Women are showing that they can do a fine job in politics," Sister Anderson said, "and this year they are helping more than ever to bring about a big vote for Roosevelt."

Mrs. Jane Hodes is Acting Research Director until the election.

"SHE SAID IT REMINDED HER OF THE REPUBLICAN POST-WAR PLANS"

What Happens To That Dollar You Give To PAC

WHY is your dollar needed by CIO-PAC? Here is the financial status of PAC as reported by Sidney Hillman before the House Campaign Expenditures Investigating Committee:

The original funds of PAC donated by international unions amounted to $671,214.11. Of this amount, $371,086.56 was spent on political action in local elections and primaries. However, upon the close of the Democratic Convention, PAC was told that the use of trade union contributions for political action in the national election campaign was not permitted by the Corrupt Practices Act.

That is why voluntary contributions of one dollar are being asked of the members of the CIO in order to permit PAC to carry on its vital work of publicizing the issues in this most crucial of all national presidential elections. These contributions are entirely voluntary. Fifty cents of each dollar will be retained by the State or Regional PAC.

While $56,922 was received by PAC from individual contributions and loans between July 23 and Aug. 15, $36,983.50 was spent.

PAC is still short of its goal. That's why your dollar counts . . .

"Dollar For FDR" Drive Extended To Oct. 31

New York, N. Y.—The campaign for voluntary contributions to the CIO Political Action Committee's "Dollar for Roosevelt" drive has been extended to October 31st, CIO-PAC officials announced this week.

The decision to continue the campaign followed the statement of many CIO Unions that the period allocated for the collection of voluntary donations was too short to allow their members to do full justice to the PAC and themselves.

Collections have been rolling along, PAC officials stated, but transmissions have been exceedingly slow. The extension of the drive, however, is expected to accelerate the forwarding of funds.

At the same time PAC officials appealed again to union officials to speed up solicitation.

WHOLEHEARTED RESPONSE

"Without exception, the response of CIO members to the appeal for voluntary contributions of funds for the election of President Roosevelt in 1944 has met with wholehearted response. But some members have informed us that they have not yet been approached, although they are willing and eager to give a dollar and more to the cause. That buck can't work for Roosevelt 'till it's collected and turned in.

EVERY CIO MEMBER

"We want every CIO member, his family and intimate friends to have the opportunity of contributing a buck for the election of President Roosevelt, Senator Truman and a Congress sympathetic to the viewpoint of social and economic progress of our Commander-in-Chief," PAC said.

THE roll-call of reactionaries supporting the Dewey campaign with their over-stuffed bank rolls include many financial barons who are determined to destroy trade unions and all of the social gains won under the leadership of President Roosevelt. Here is a report of their preliminary contributions to the Republican campaign:

Col. Robert McCormick, isolationist Chicago Tribune publisher, $3,000; Captain Joseph M. Patterson, head of the Roosevelt-hating New York Daily News, $3,000; Ernest T. Weir, $3,000; Joseph N. Pew, $3,000; Ethel Pew, $3,000; Irene and Lammot duPont, $4,000; and David Rockefeller, $2,500. This is only a partial list. There are many more, just as eager to give their money to defeat the worker's friend—President Roosevelt.

How about that buck for Roosevelt?

Dewey Doesn't Want You to Cast Your Vote

TIME and time again, Dewey has accused President Roosevelt of lack of "faith in America." Let's examine the facts:

Does Dewey have "faith in America?" Has he at any time mentioned the need to register and to vote? No. Why? Because the strategy of the Republican Party is to discourage voting.

They consider no vote as good as a vote against Roosevelt. Why? Because they fully believe that the majority of the people are behind President Roosevelt, and that if the people go to the polls, they will vote for him.

STYMIE REGISTRATION

That is why the Republicans are so overwhelmingly against a soldier vote; that is why in so many communities the Republican Election Commissioners refuse to keep the polls open for war workers to register. Dewey's only chance for the presidency is a light vote which would shift the tide his way.

On the other hand, President Roosevelt has shown his faith in America by urging the people to vote.

He believes in the people's right to express their choice. In his speech on Oct. 5 he said:

"Every man and every woman in this nation, regardless of party, who have the right to register and vote, and the opportunity to register and vote, have also the sacred obligation to register and to vote. For the free and secret ballot is the real keystone of our American constitutional system."

Which candidate has "faith in America?" And in which candidate does America place its faith? By registering and voting in ever-increasing numbers we can answer Mr. Dewey on November 7.

ELECTION DAY NOV. 7

HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

A small vote in this election is what the Deweyites are hoping for. To insure a peaceful and prosperous America, every single vote counts. GET OUT THE REGISTRATIONS AND VOTES FOR ROOSEVELT. UCAPAWA locals in the states listed below have a particularly tough job. These are states listed in a recent Gallup Poll as either doubtful or pro-Dewey. Remember, you can't vote if you don't register. Every vote counts. Don't lose any. Let's elect Roosevelt by a landslide.

State	*Registration Closes*
Michigan	October 18
Washington	October 21
Wisconsin	October 28
Iowa	October 26-28 and November 4 in cities with non-permanent registration; October for cities with permanent registration.

The Tall Story Of The Twelve-Ft. Tomato Plants

By Harold J. Lane, International Secretary-Treasurer

DURING the course of my travels throughout the country, I have heard what is commonly known as some "tall stories." It happens that, in a majority of cases, the tall story tellers are Brothers, and believe me, we have quite a few tall story tellers who will take second place to no one.

I will give you a sample of what I mean, and see if you agree with me:

Just recently I was in Winston-Salem and my Brothers in Winston have a habit of pulling my leg and always having a joke with me.

So, while we were waiting for a meeting to start, one of our Brothers, Evan Blakely, came into the office with a sack of tomatoes. He offered me one which I ate. It was delicious.

I said: "Well, that reminds me of the tomato seasons out in Ohio and Indiana where they really put tomatoes away—in cans, in bottles, and in containers—on a grand scale."

So another Brother, Slim Sheppard, slowly drawled that he had some tolerable good sized tomato plants at his place, but that he was getting darn sick and tired of using a stepladder to pick his tomatoes.

The proof—Mr. and Mrs. Evan Blakely of Winston-Salem stand in the midst of their giant tomoto patch. In their part of the country, they say, the tomato plants grow taller than humans.

Here I Go Again

Well, I figured, here I go again, always putting my foot into it. So I told him that I considered his remark an insult to my intelligence, because Slim Sheppard happens to be about 6 feet 2 or 6 feet 3, and perched on top of a stepladder to pick tomatoes would make the tomato plants 15 or 16 feet high. This was too much for me, so I said there was no such plant. Brother Blakely immediately took up the challenge and said:

"O.K. Brother, come on out to my house tomorrow and I'll show them to you."

Well, I knew that no one would believe my story so I brought back a picture to prove it. And this is the actual truth. I saw them with my own eyes.

This picture shows Brother and Sister Blakely in the midst of their tomato patch. Both of them have their arms out and are holding down the tomato plants so I could take their picture. But, the tomato plants are over their heads, ranging all the way from six to 12 feet in height.

The tomatoes are of regular, normal size and color and they taste very good, but they have to be propped up on a pole in order to keep them from bending over.

Next year, the Blakelys are going to plant their tomatoes along side the house in order to provide shade, and with the height of the plant and the foliage being so thick, I am certain they will practically have an air-conditioned home.

Running Vines

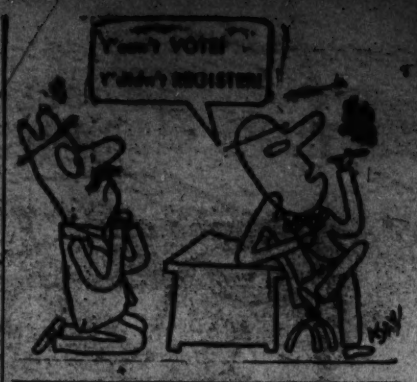
Now, I thought I had seen everything, but they took me over to the edge of their patch and instead of having these plants grow straight up, with the support of the pole, they made these plants go along the ground. In other words they stuck them on the ground instead of sticking them up, and lo and behold if they didn't have some plants running along the ground, uphill approximately 20 feet right smack up to their neighbor's property line, and they had them return via a different route.

Salt and Pepper Next

Blakely insists that next year he is going to have these vines trained so that each vine upon reaching his neighbor's property line will secure salt and pepper, if they so desire.

Brother, I have heard some tall stories and I have seen some very big ones in my day, but now, I believe that I have seen and heard the best.

At least, I think this will do until something better comes along.



Hear Ye!

All members and officers of UCAPAWA are invited to contribute to this column of opinion on various topics of current national interest. Drop us a line and tell us what you're thinking.

Myrtle Nicholson, former Financial Secretary of Local 155, says: It seems to me that Dewey has used about every trick there is in the books to turn the people against Roosevelt. I'm sure I don't want to go back to Republican times. And I'm sure that no American in his or her right mind would want it either . . . I don't want my children to suffer for the want of food and clothing as we did in Hoover times.

I believe that Roosevelt has done a wonderful job and has lived up to the promises he had made the people.

If it weren't for the unions, what rights and protections would the working man of today have? . . . He would not have any under Republican leadership. President Roosevelt gave us the right to organize . . .

If the people want the freedoms they have enjoyed for the last 12 years, then they will vote again for the man who made it possible . . . . Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Something New In Army Rations

AMERICAN frontline troops can now draw rations of fresh food direct in the field from a new "refrigerated package," an eight-foot long metal container which serves as shipping carton, refrigerator and small food depot all in one. Developed in collaboration with Army engineers, the package is the newest Army supply link between the rear lines and the front.

Two refrigerated packages, filled with fresh vegetables, meat or other foods, are designed for loading onto a single supply truck. At the front, they can be left in a commissary or in open field to serve as small convenient larders from which supplies can be drawn as needed.

Equipped with its own gasoline powered cooling unit, the new refrigerator package is mounted on runners so it can be hauled by jeep for short distances.

Labor Press Says Roosevelt Will Win

Washington, D. C. (FP)—A 31-State poll of 139 labor papers, conducted by Federated Press, showed one lone paper, an independent journal in Salina, Kans., backing Dewey for President.

Including more AFL papers than CIO, the FP survey showed overwhelming support for President Roosevelt. Out of the 139 papers polled, 117 actively supported FDR, and 127 papers expected him to win the election.

Excuse, Please, Says Hillman

Cleveland, Ohio (FP) — "The people of Ohio, and we, the people of New York . . . each owe the nation an apology—you for producing John Bricker and we for producing Thomas Dewey," Chairman Sidney Hillman of the CIO Political Action Committee told the Ohio CIO Council convention.

Hillman described Bricker as "an oldfashioned Hoover reactionary and a wholehearted isolationist." Dewey, he said, was a more expert double talker who not only "forgets things that did happen" but also "remembers things that never happened."

He summed up the GOP presidential candidate with this verse:

Tom Dewey is slicker
Than Taft and Bricker.

UCAPAWA MIKE SAYS:

"Party Labels Don't Count Any More"

"FIVE generations of Smiths are going to turn over in their graves this election day," sighed Rufus Smith. "It makes me feel very sad, Mike."

"What's the trouble?" UCAPAWA Mike asked as they boarded the bus going home from work.

Rufus wearily eased himself into a seat and turned unhappily to Mike. "It's all Dewey's fault," Rufus said. "I was all set to vote Republican this year, like I always did, like my father and grandfather and all the others used to — but then Dewey started talking. It doesn't make sense. He's trying to sit on both sides of the fence at once."

"And when a man tries to do that," nodded Mike, "sooner or later he'll tear his britches."

"Yes," said Rufus, "Roosevelt is the only man running who can lead our country. So I made my big decision, Mike. I'm gonna vote for Roosevelt and split my ticket."

"Well," said Mike, "the old Smiths will probably understand. This year is different from any other election year. Party labels don't matter any more."

"That's how I figured it," added Rufus. "We've got a great war and a great peace to win, and we need a great man to win them."

"We need a different Congress, too," said Mike. "Otherwise, anything the President will do will be ruined by the Congressmen."

"Ugh-uh," Rufus groaned. "I can't split my ticket for the Congressmen, too. That would be too much for the Smiths."

Mike shook his head. "You gotta look at it this way, Rufus. There are men in both parties who support Roosevelt's policies, and there are men in both parties who are against them. You're a workingman and you've got a lot to lose if the wrong men get in Congress. So why not examine their records and vote for the candidates who stand for jobs and security?"

"That's not so easy," Rufus said. "How do you know each man's record?"

"That's what the Union has been working on," said Mike. "We've got a list of all the candidates and their voting records up on the bulletin board at the meeting hall. Besides, we're having a PAC meeting in our ward tonight to discuss all the candidates. Why don't you come down?"

Rufus sighed again. "I'd like to, Mike, but my wife objects when I go to meetings and leave her alone."

"Then bring her along," said Mike. "Your wife is a Smith, too. You wouldn't want her to vote the wrong way!"

Marshall Orders Army To Combat Anti-Labor Lies

New York, N.Y. (FP) — The 4-year campaign of lies against American labor in most newspapers, magazines and over the radio has finally resulted in action by the War Dept.

Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, has sent out instructions to every orientation officer in every Army outfit ordering a public discussion in which the press and radio falsehoods about labor are to be nailed. In addition the War Dept. has sent a fact sheet to every Army unit giving statistics and official reports which expose all the anti-labor propaganda produced since the war began.

These two documents appear in an exclusive copyright story in the Oct. 9 issue of In Fact, weekly newsletter published by George Seldes. Seldes points out that the Hearst, Scripps-Howard and McCormick-Patterson press chains, which before Pearl Harbor published Nazi and pro-Mussolini propaganda, lead the country in publishing lies to set soldiers against labor. The War Dept.'s move should knock this fascist campaign dead, he says.

HOLD DISCUSSIONS

Marshall's instructions ask orientation officers to hold discussions stressing: "1—Our people at home are winning the production war against Germany and Japan; 2—The enemy unceasingly aims to create antagonism between our soldiers and civilians; 3—In today's total war, there can be no real line drawn between 'home' front and 'fighting' front."

The fact sheet again cites the official record on strikes, in contrast to newspaper exaggeration. Pointing out that 2/3 of time lost last year was in the coal strike, it stresses that the AFL and CIO national leadership have not authorized a single strike since Pearl Harbor. The sheet further makes the point that "industrial accidents have cost the nation more lives since Pearl Harbor than have been lost so far on the battlefronts." The document concludes: "The production front record of management and labor is magnificent—it needs and should have no apology, only publicity and understanding."